



Yavapai Cattle Growers' Association 78th Annual Calf Sale & BBQ

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Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Good afternoon, everyone!

What a privilege it is to be able to open this Calf Sale, and welcome you all to the Top Ten Calf Awards!

I am absolutely delighted to be here with National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Steve Foglesong — With officers of the Yavapai Cattle Growers Association — including president Paul Groseta

— With members of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association — including president Steve Brophy — and with State Cowbelle President Suzanne Menges and Yavapai County Cowbelle President Mae Parker. Let me also take this opportunity to thank Senator John Hays and the Hays family for providing the venue for the BBQ for so many years, and thank Rex Maughan of Maughan Ranches for providing the venue for this year's BBQ.

Throughout my career as a public servant — A State Representative; a State Senator; a County Supervisor; your Secretary of State and now as your Governor, I have been committed to the principles of less government and more freedom.

I think you're committed to those things, too — aren't you?

You and I understand that we must stop the budget spending spree, we must live within our means — and we must live with a balanced budget.

We ALL understand the federal government is not controlling illegal immigration and it is not securing our border.

So, Arizona must do what is necessary to do the job that the federal government refuses to do.

But Democrats have OPPOSED those efforts. In fact, my opponent and the entire Democratic ticket have been endorsed and supported by the very same union -- the Service Employees International Union -- leading the boycott of Arizona.

It's simply WRONG for candidates to accept support from organizations that are funding and supporting the boycott of Arizona.

They're job killers.

And Democratic plans to "make" work for people and spend taxpayer dollars to stimulate the economy is the wrong direction.

We must REDUCE the burdens on business and allow them to create jobs, instead of the government creating jobs.

We must repeal and replace President Obama's health care plan to stop the billions of dollars that it will cost our country and our state. We must put consumers, not government officials in charge of our own health care.

Well, in Arizona, we've already changed the size of government.

We've changed the way government does business.

We've changed our policies and our priorities and the direction of our state.

We've permanently reduced state general fund spending by over two point two billion dollars and the state employee count by more than 10 percent.

My basic philosophy is that government just needs to get out of the way and let you -- our TRUE job creators -- grow your businesses the way YOU want to -- not the way the STATE wants you to.

My first official act as Governor was to issue a moratorium on rules, to reduce the regulatory burden on Arizona businesses.

And, I've been calling for tax reform since March 2009.

We must establish a more friendly tax code to retain existing employers, attract new investment capital and create high wage, sustainable jobs.

We're building a solid foundation, and, when it comes to encouraging job creation, I'm committed to preparing for the future with new ideas and innovation.

That's why I established the Arizona Commerce Authority and a private-sector leadership board focused on growing and diversifying Arizona's economy and creating quality jobs – including jobs in rural Arizona.

This new Authority is coordinating and integrating the efforts of key partners like Science Foundation Arizona -- our universities -- regional economic development groups -- and local communities – all working together to secure success for the State of Arizona.

I've committed ten million dollars to advance its mission through its approach to economic development.

Meanwhile, we've attracted over one billion dollars in new capital investment. AND, we've attracted NEW companies to Arizona -- creating over seven thousand new jobs for Arizonans.

Businesses across ALL sectors have added almost twenty thousand jobs since I stopped Arizona job losses beginning in September of 2009. "Business Facilities" a national publication and location advisor for site selection -- for both solar energy manufacturing and the alternative energy industry – has now ranked Arizona as the "solar king," – noting we offer "the highest solar power potential in the nation, and the state is by far the leading producer of equipment to capture these rays."

If we're going to build the economy for Arizona's second century, we must today begin preparing students and expect them to reach high academic standards.

So, we've enacted some of the most sweeping reforms in education that the state has seen.

I believe we can move forward, creating more jobs and economic prosperity, or we can move backward toward socialism -- and more government, more spending, more regulation.

I want to create jobs; not kill them.

I'm working for jobs and the people of Arizona -- and the right for the truth to be heard, always.

So, to all of you -- I say THANK YOU – thank you -- for helping me set Arizona back on the road to prosperity.

We've come so far in the last 600 days. We've changed everything ... yet we have many more miles to go. And I'm grateful you are with me on this journey.

I salute you as "Keepers of the Range," preserving our state's greatest traditions and protecting our heritage -- and I thank you for this opportunity to speak to you this afternoon.

God bless you and your families. And may God bless Arizona -- her cattle growers -- and the United States of America.

Thank you.